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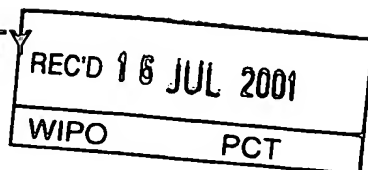
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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC <b>A61K9/50</b>		
Applicant <b>TONER ENTERPRISE INC.</b>		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
  - ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand  <b>21/11/2000</b>	Date of completion of this report  <b>12.07.2001</b>
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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/EP00/03586

## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

**Description, pages:**

1-50 as originally filed

**Claims, No.:**

1-24 as received on 27/04/2001 with letter of 27/04/2001

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☒ the claims, Nos.: 25
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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*(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)*

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-24
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-24
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-24
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations  
**see separate sheet**

**VII. Certain defects in the international application**

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:  
**see separate sheet**

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EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

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Item V:

- D1: EP-A-0 904 701 (DOX AL ITALIA SPA) 31 March 1999 (1999-03-31)
- D2: EP-A-0 899 326 (DOX AL ITALIA SPA) 3 March 1999 (1999-03-03) cited in the application
- D3: FR-A-2 324 312 (TOPFER GMBH) 15 April 1977 (1977-04-15)
- D4: WO 94 22572 A (BRITISH TEXTILE TECH ;SAGAR BRIAN FREDERICK (GB); SAGAR ANTHONY JO) 13 October 1994 (1994-10-13)
- D5: EP-A-0 094 979 (UNIVERSAL FOODS CORP) 30 November 1983 (1983-11-30)

None of the documents cited in the international search report discloses inactivated microorganisms comprising one of the specific active agents defined in claim 1 of the application. Therefore the requirements for novelty (Art. 33(2) PCT) are met.

The problem of the present application was to provide a device for the oral administration of drugs wherein their efficacy is maintained, especially wherein thermostability during the preparation is improved. D1 and D2 solve different problems. D1 does not deal with thermostability and D2 achieves better bioavailability of food by improvement of digestive processes. Therefore the requirements of inventive step (Art. 33(3) PCT) are met.

Item VII:

Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents D1-D5 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.

The description has not been adapted to the amended claims.

The disclaimer in claim 1 has to read "nor digestive enzymes" in order to comply with Art. 34 PCT.

## CLAIMS

- 1 1. Inactivated microorganism containing one or more soluble and/or solubilizable  
2 substances having pharmacological activity and/or nutritional substances having  
3 pharmacological activity.
- 1 2. Microorganism according to Claim 1, characterized in that said microorganism is  
2 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.
- 1 3. Microorganism according to Claims 1-2, characterized in that said soluble  
2 and/or solubilizable substance having pharmacological activity is oxytetracycline.
- 1 4. Microorganism according to Claims 1-2, characterized in that said soluble  
2 and/or solubilizable substance having pharmacological activity is sodium  
3 sulphadimethoxine.
- 1 5. Microorganism according to Claims 1-2, characterized in that said soluble  
2 and/or solubilizable substance having pharmacological activity is a vaccine.
- 1 6. Microorganism according to Claims 1-2, characterized in that said nutritional  
2 substance having pharmacological activity is ascorbic acid.
- 1 7. Microorganism according to Claims 1-2, characterized in that said nutritional  
2 substance having pharmacological activity is selected among: cyanocobalamin  
3 (vitamin B12), folic acid, thiamine (Vitamin B1),  $\alpha$ -tocopherol, zinc and cobalt.
- 1 8. Microorganism containing one or more soluble and/or solubilizable substances  
2 having pharmacological activity and/or nutritional substances having  
3 pharmacological activity, according to Claims 3-7.
- 1 9. Microorganism according to Claims 1-7, containing nutritional substances  
2 having pharmacological activity as components of any food, feeding or beverage  
3 for human or animal use.
- 1 10. Microorganism according to Claim 9, where said feeding is specific for fish.
- 1 11. Microorganism according to Claim 10, where said feeding is specific for the  
2 early stages of growth of fish.
- 1 12. Microorganism according to Claims 10-11, wherein said nutritional substance  
2 is ascorbic acid.
- 1 13. Food composition comprising one or more inactivated microorganisms  
2 according to Claims 1-12.
- 1 14. Use of one or more inactivated microorganisms according to Claims 1-12, in

2 human or animal alimentation.

1 15. Use of the microorganisms according to Claims 1-12, as components of  
2 feeding or premixes in zootechnics.

1 16. Use of the microorganisms according to Claims 10-12 for the feeding of fish.

1 17. Process for the preparation of inactivated microorganisms containing one or  
2 more soluble and/or solubilizable substances having pharmacological activity  
3 and/or nutritional substances having pharmacological activity, according to Claims  
4 1-12, comprising the following steps:

5 i) drawing out the endocellular mass of a suitable microorganism by means of  
6 hypertonic treatment, separation of the drawn out endocellular mass and recovery  
7 of the empty microorganisms;

8 ii) optional inactivation of the microorganism obtained in Step i) chemically or  
9 physically, leaving the external membrane of the microorganism unaltered; and

10 iii) intracellular loading of one or more soluble and/or solubilizable substances  
11 having pharmacological activity and/or nutritional substances having  
12 pharmacological activity, into the inactivated microorganism obtained in Step i) or  
13 Step ii), is obtained by means of hypo- and/or iso-tonic treatment.

1 18. Process for the preparation of inactivated microorganisms according to Claim  
2 17, characterized in that:

3 in Step i) the drawing out of the endocellular mass is obtained by incubation in  
4 a hypertonic solution of the same pharmacologically active substance to be loaded  
5 into the microorganism;

6 in Step iii) said pharmacologically active substance is already present in the  
7 solution and is loaded into the microorganism with a change of the osmolarity due  
8 to dilution of the solution to hypo- and/or isotonicity.

1 19. Process according to Claims 17 and 18, characterized in that Step iii) is  
2 followed by treatment of the microorganisms with a fixative or a disinfectant agent

1 20. Process for the preparation of inactivated microorganisms described in Claims  
2 1-12, according to the following steps:

3 1) the microorganism is inactivated by thermal treatment, at 60-65°C for 30-120  
4 min;

5 2) the inactivated cells of the microorganism are resuspended in an isotonic



medium comprising the active principle to be incorporated;

3) the suspension is left under stirring for 48-72 hours;

4) the suspension is centrifuged;

5) optional buffering and/or fixation is carried out using formalin and/or glutaraldehyde.

21. Process according to Claims 17 and 18, characterized in that the hypertonic treatment in step i) is obtained by incubation of a hypertonic solution comprising:

- NaCl in concentrations higher than 0.2 M;

- optionally sodium citrate 0.03 - 0.1 M.

22. Process according to Claims 17 and 18, in which said hypotonic treatment in step iii) is obtained by means of a hypotonic solution comprising:

- NaCl in concentrations lower than 0.12 M;

- optionally sodium citrate in concentrations lower than 0.025 M.

23. Process according to Claims 17, in which the isotonic treatment in step iii) is performed by a 0.9% NaCl isotonic solution, optionally comprising sodium citrate 0.025 M.

24. Process according to Claims 17, in which

- said hypertonic solution is NaCl 1.0 M and sodium citrate 0.05 M;

- said hypotonic solution is NaCl 0.05 M and sodium citrate 0.005 M

25. Process according to Claims 17, in which

- said hypertonic solution is NaCl 1.0 M and sodium citrate 0.05 M;

- said isotonic solution is NaCl 0.9% and sodium citrate 0.025 M.

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. <b>PCT/EP 00/ 03586</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>20/04/2000</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>22/04/1999</b>
Applicant <b>ECOSER S.R.L.</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

### 1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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2. ☒ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

**INACTIVATED MICROORGANISMS COMPRISING SUBSTANCES HAVING PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIVITY**

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawing** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☐ None of the figures.

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International Application No  
PCT/EP 00/03586

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61K9/50 A23K1/18

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>EP 0 904 701 A (DOX AL ITALIA SPA) 31 March 1999 (1999-03-31)</p> <p>paragraph '0010! - paragraph '0014! paragraph '0032! - paragraph '0047! example 1 claims 1-3,6,7,13,16,20-22 ---</p>	<p>1,2, 7-11, 13-15, 17,21,22</p>
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X	EP 0 094 979 A (UNIVERSAL FOODS CORP) 30 November 1983 (1983-11-30)  page 3, line 25 -page 4, line 29 page 9, line 13 - line 19 example 3 claims 1,10 -----	1,2, 9-11,13, 14

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